

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-AUGUST 8, 2005

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding (arrived at 8:10 p.m.) and Schaefer (arrived at 7:39 p.m.).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes as presented of July 25, 2005.

So passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Mayor requested a moment of silence for the troops serving in Iraq and all around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr. Howard Raphaelson, Timber Drive, spoke about a member of the staff at the Senior Center. Dr. Jodi Frank completed the Triathlon Iron Man USA Race at Lake Placid, N.Y.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

## 1. Proposed Amendment to the Town of Mansfield Fee Waivers Ordinance

No comments from the public. The public hearing was closed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

## 2. Proposed Amendment to the Town of Mansfield Fee Waivers Ordinance

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective August 8, 2005, to amend the Town of Mansfield Fee Waivers Ordinance as recommended by staff in its draft dated July 25, 2005, and which amendment shall become effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

## 3. Negotiations with MBOE Administrators

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective August 8, 2005, to appoint Helen Koehn, as the town council's representative to attend negotiations between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Administrators'

Association.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer arrived.

#### 4. Campus/Community Relations

The Mayor reported that Campus Community Relations met last week and heard a presentation on the drug issue by Tom Szigethy that was excellent. Campus Community Partnership will be meeting towards the end of this month. The Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager will be meeting on August 16th with University staff to discuss joint Town/Gown initiatives that were outlined in the Quality of Life Report.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS

#### 5. Laurel Lane Bridge Replacement Project-Commitment to Fund

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective August 8, 2005, to authorize Town Manager Martin H. Berliner to accept the commitment to fund the Laurel Lane Bridge Replacement Project.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, was present to answer questions from the Council.

#### 6. Open Space Acquisition-Ossen/McCoy Property

The Town Manager reported that there has been no answer from the owners on the agreement of the lot located on the southeasterly side of Birchwood Heights Road.

No action needed.

Ms. Redding arrived.

#### 7. Mansfield Community Center Fee Schedule

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that effective August 8, 2005 to approve the fee schedule for the Mansfield Community Center as presented by staff in its draft dated June 30, 2005, and which schedule shall be effective August 29, 2005.

Mr. Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, was present to answer questions from the Council.

Ms. Koehn expressed her need to have more information. She asked about the service philosophy of the Center and the Mission statement of the Center. Motion so passed. Ms. Koehn voted against motion.

#### 8. FY 2005/06 Wage Adjustment for Nonunion Personnel

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective August 8, 2005, to increase the pay rates in the Town Administrators Pay Plan by three percent, and to authorize the town manager to award those employees in the pay plan with a three-percent wage increase retroactive to July 1, 2005.

The Town Manager spoke to this issue. There will be extensive changes to the health insurance package so the increase is fair and reasonable. These changes to the health insurance package are necessary to help assist the town deal with the rising cost of health insurance.

So passed unanimously.

#### 9. MRRA-2006 Rate Increase for Single-family Collection & Transfer Station Fees

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the MRRA.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective August 8, 2005, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the town council's regular meeting on September 12, 2005, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed rate increases for single family collection and transfer station fees.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn as the MRRA and reconvene as the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

#### 10. Bond Issue-\$1,000,000 Community Center Expansion Project

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Mansfield appropriate ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) for costs related to the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of additions, renovations

and modifications to the Mansfield Community Center and to the financing thereof, including an addition to provide for a new fitness room; the creation within the existing building of an expanded exercise/dance room, a new selectorized circuit space and additional staff office space; fire protection, HVAC, energy efficiency and electrical systems improvements; and related building and site improvements. The project is contemplated to be completed substantially in accordance with the study entitled "Architectural/Engineering Study for Addition, Renovation and Modification to Mansfield Community Center, Mansfield, CT", prepared The Lawrence Associates Architects/Planners, P.C. and dated April 20, 2005. The appropriation may be spent for design, installation and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, architects' fees, engineering fees, survey fees, construction management costs, permits, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.

(b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes, in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, shall sign any bonds, notes or temporary notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day, Berry & Howard is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or temporary notes. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to sell the bonds, notes or temporary notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of

borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(f) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(g) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REFERENDUM ON DESIGN,  
CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF ADDITIONS,  
RENOVATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY  
CENTER

RESOLVED,

(a) That pursuant to Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter the resolution adopted by the Council under Item 10 of this meeting, appropriating \$1,000,000 for design, construction, furnishing and equipping of additions, renovations and modifications to the Mansfield Community Center and authorizing the issue of bonds and notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, shall be submitted to the voters at referendum to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by said Charter and the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, including the procedures set out in Section 9-369d(b)(2) of said Statutes, and in accordance with "Ordinance Regarding the Right of Voters Who Are Not Electors to Vote at Referenda Held in Conjunction with an Election", adopted by the Mansfield Town Council on August 25, 1997.

(b) That the aforesaid resolution shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000 FOR  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF ADDITIONS,  
RENOVATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY

CENTER, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION?"

Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution shall vote "No".

(c) That the Town Clerk shall publish notice of such referendum vote as part of the notice of the election to be held on November 8, 2005. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

(d) That, in their discretion, the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding the resolution and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding the resolution, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Jeffrey H. Smith, Finance Director was present to answer questions from the Council.

11. Bond Issue-\$1,000,000 Land Acquisition Project

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND OR INTERESTS THEREIN FOR OPEN SPACE, MUNICIPAL, OR PASSIVE OR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL USES, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Mansfield appropriate ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) for costs related to the acquisition by the Town of one or more parcels of land or interests therein for open space, municipal, or passive or active recreational uses, or any combination thereof, after referral of any such proposed acquisition to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, and approval by the Town Council following a public hearing held on not less than five days' published notice. The appropriation may be spent for survey fees, feasibility and planning studies related to potential acquisitions, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

(b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes, in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of

the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, shall sign any bonds, notes or temporary notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day, Berry & Howard is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or temporary notes. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to sell the bonds, notes or temporary notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(f) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(g) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

AND

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REFERENDUM ON ACQUISITION OF LAND  
FOR OPEN SPACE, MUNICIPAL, OR PASSIVE OR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL  
USES.

RESOLVED,

(a) That pursuant to Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter the resolution adopted by the Council under Item 11 of this meeting, appropriating \$1,000,000 for acquisition of land or interests therein for open space, municipal, or passive or active recreational uses and authorizing the issue of bonds and notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, shall be submitted to the voters at referendum to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by said Charter and the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, including the procedures set out in Section 9-369d(b)(2) of said Statutes, and in accordance with "Ordinance Regarding the Right of Voters Who Are Not Electors to Vote at Referenda Held in Conjunction with an Election", adopted by the Mansfield Town Council on August 25, 1997.

(b) That the aforesaid resolution shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following heading:

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ACQUISITION OF LAND OR INTERESTS THEREIN FOR OPEN SPACE,  
MUNICIPAL, OR PASSIVE OR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL USES, AND  
AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO  
DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION?"

Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution shall vote "No".

- (c) That the Town Clerk shall publish notice of such referendum vote as part of the notice of the election to be held on November 8, 2005. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.
- (d) That, in their discretion, the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding the resolution and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding the resolution, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

So passed unanimously.

12. Bond Issue-\$650,000 MERS Deficit Funding Project

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$650,000 FOR PAYMENT OF THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE TOWN'S FIREFIGHTER AND EMT EMPLOYEES IN THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT FUND B, AND AUTHORIZAING THE ISSUE OF BONDS IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Mansfield appropriate SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000) for: (1) the funding of all or any portion, as to be determined by the Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer of the Town, or any two of them, of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability with respect to the participation of the Town's firefighter and EMT employees in the Connecticut Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund B, as determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-441 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "MERS Unfunded Past Benefit Obligation"), including any interest accrued thereon; (2) costs related to the authorization and issuance of the pension deficit funding bonds authorized hereby, including without limitation legal fees, consultants' fees, underwriters' fees, bond insurance premiums and other financing costs; and (3) other costs related to the payment of the MERS Unfunded Past Benefit Obligation.

(b) That the Town issue its pension deficit funding bonds, in an amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000) to finance the aforesaid appropriation. The bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-374c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, shall sign any bonds by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day, Berry & Howard is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds; to sell the bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds.

(d) That costs to be funded from the aforesaid appropriation may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above.

(e) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds authorized by this resolution to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate

in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds.

(f) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to effectuate the payment of the MERS Unfunded Past Benefit Obligation, and to issue pension deficit funding bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including but not limited to the making of such submissions to the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut and the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut as may be necessary or desirable to comply with the provisions of Section 7-374c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. Following the issuance of the pension deficit funding bonds authorized hereby the Town shall comply with all requirements of said Section 7-374c with respect thereto including but not limited to the maintenance of pension plan minimum funding standards.

(g) That the above authorization to issue pension deficit funding bonds shall lapse on December 31, 2006.

AND

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REFERENDUM ON PENSION DEFICIT  
FUNDING BONDS

RESOLVED,

(a) That pursuant to Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter the resolution adopted by the Council under Item 12 of this meeting, authorizing the issue of pension deficit funding bonds shall be submitted to the voters at referendum to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by said Charter and the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, including the procedures set out in Section 9-369d(b)(2) of said Statutes, and in accordance with "Ordinance Regarding the Right of Voters Who Are Not Electors to Vote at Referenda Held in Conjunction with an Election", adopted by the Mansfield Town Council on August 25, 1997.

(b) That the aforesaid resolution shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following heading:

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PAYMENT OF THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY WITH  
RESPECT TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE TOWN'S FIREFIGHTER AND  
EMT EMPLOYEES IN THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT FUND B, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS IN THE  
SAME AMOUNT TO DEFRAY THE APPROPRIATION?"

Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution shall vote "No".

(c) That the Town Clerk shall publish notice of such referendum vote as part of the

notice of the election to be held on November 8, 2005. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

(d) That, in their discretion, the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding the resolution and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding the resolution, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved to add an item to the agenda  
Mr. Clouette seconded the motion.

So passed unanimously.

12a. August 22, 2005 meeting

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to cancel the August 22, 2005 meeting.

So passed unanimously.

#### VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Ms. Koehn requested a clarification on ownership of land and roads for the Downtown partnership project, mentioned in the minutes of the Partnership. Mayor Paterson said that she would discuss the minutes of July 5, 2005, of the Downtown Partnership Board of Directors Meeting, with the partnership's Director Cynthia van Zelm and will report back to the Council.

Ms. Koehn asked about the minutes of the Housing Authority. She was interested in Holinko Estates Phase II and what was going on with the forgiveness on the preconstruction loan with DECD. The Town Manager responded that the Housing Authority produces their own minutes.

Mr. Hawkins commented that he was pleased to read that the Housing Authority was meeting to discuss the goals of the authority.

#### IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Schaefer said that the Finance Committee needs to meet soon.

Mr. Haddad said that the Personnel Committee will discuss its' drafted document during the Executive Session of tonight's meeting.

Ms. Redding said that the Committee on Committees would be meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2005.

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REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Clouette spoke on the Downtown Partnership Board Meeting that met on Tuesday. One issue, which was outstanding from the last meeting, was the report of comments of the State agencies on the draft Municipal Development Plan and Storrs Center project. Subsequent to that the staff of the Downtown Partnership met with both DCD and DEP. It was reported that the substantive issues had been ironed out and it looked like an acceptable response will be made, or will be made shortly. There was a report from the business committee on the relocation plan. They have been working with a consultant and it is coming along. The timetable was distributed. They will be looking for approval at a town council meeting perhaps at end of September or early October. As soon as all the negotiations with the state are finalized, that document, including the relocation plan will be available to all.

Mayor Paterson stated that there was a press conference with Senator Joseph Lieberman last Tuesday at which he presented a 2.5 million dollar grant for improvements to Route 195 and the streetscape for the Storrs Center Project. The Director of the Downtown Partnership, Cynthia van Zelm and the Mayor took the application for the Urban Action Grant to Senator Donald Williams and Rep. Merrill last Thursday. Still waiting to hear about a \$6 million dollar grant, through Congressman Simmons office to fund part of the parking garage for the project.

There was a dedication of the Teen Center in the Mansfield Community Center in memory of Mr. Bill Rosen. Mrs. Barbara Rosen and daughter and grandchildren were present.

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TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager handed out the Urban Action Grant Application.

The Organic Blues Trio will play on August 11, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. outside the Mansfield Community Center.

The Town Manager handed out the response of the Attorney from Leland, Robinson and Cole, responding to questions and concerns that were raised by state departments. A meeting was held in Hartford where all the concerns and questions had been adequately addressed. So we hope to have the notification back from the state so we can begin to get the local approval for the Municipal Plan of Development.

There was a question at the Council's last meeting about Intrawest. The August meeting of the Business Development Subcommittee of the Downtown Partnership was cancelled and the next meeting is September 15, 2005. The guest speaker at that time will be Harrall-Michalowski Associates. Intrawest will be guest speakers at the October meeting.

At the last meeting someone asked how one would be aware of a Board of Assessment Appeal meeting. Answer is that there is a legal ad placed in the

Chronicle, a legal notice posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board, one on the wall in the assessor's office, and one on the Town's website and next year it will be on Munivision.

The Hartford Courant's Northeast section had an article on Oceanfront property Revaluation this past weekend. The article did not give a complete presentation as to revaluation in any town.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

XII. PÉTITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

13. Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality-2004 Annual Report (hard copy only)
14. M. Berliner re: Appointment to Conservation Commission
15. Charter Northeastern Cable Advisory Council re: Grant Award
16. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities-Convention and Exposition 2005
17. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re: Recent Bonding Bills Approved by General Assembly
18. Connecticut State Department of Education-Grant Notification Award
19. Government Finance Officers Association re: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Town Council commended Mr. Jeffrey H. Smith, Director of Finance, on this award.

20. Mansfield Summer Concert Series Presents The Organic Blues Trio (featuring our own Lon Hultgren)
21. Press Release- Lieberman, Dodd Secure \$2.5 Billion for Connecticut's Transportation Needs
22. Town of Mansfield- Benefits of Technical Assistance from National League of Cities
23. United States Environment Protection Agency re: Closure of UConn Landfill
24. C. van Zelm re: June 30, 2005 Progress Report for Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project

The Mayor stated that the Town of Mansfield received a \$107,000 grant for School Readiness. This was submitted by Sandy Baxter. She is to be commended.

Ms. Koehn stated that there was a brochure in every Council member's packet on the Environmental Quality in Connecticut-from the Council on Environmental Quality 2004 Annual Report. Mr. Richard Sherman is a member.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to go into executive session on a personnel issue.

So passed unanimously.

At 10:00 p.m. Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to come out of executive session and return to the Town Council meeting.

So passed unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:02 p.m. Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk